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CITY OF MILPITAS

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COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPLICATION CEIVED COMMISSION APPLYING FOR A PROVIDE COMPLETE INFORMATION (in black ink) only: are you a member of Milpitas Senior Center?, YES / NO Middle Last 1307 Street Telephone Number(s) How long have you lived in Milpitas? __ 522-3484 Address Education: If Youth Advisory Commission applicant, indicate your grade/school: College, Professional, Vocational, or other schools attended Date List community organizations to which you belong or have belonged (additional information may be attached): Date Briefly describe the personal qualifications you possess which you believe would be an asset (additional information may be attached):

I have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and will attend the required meetings if I am appointed to fill a future vacancy. I hereby certify that all statements contained in this application are true.

Signature

Appointments to Commissions or Committees are made by the Mayor with the concurrence of the City Council. Applications not acted upon will expire after one year from the date submitted unless renewed by the applicant.

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Planning Commission – Alternate Supplemental Quesionnaire for

Russel Bargstadt 1307 Stardust Way RECEIVED

1. Why are you interested in serving as an alternate Planning Commissioner?

For several years I have served my immediate community, the Starlite Pines, as a volunteer homeowners board member. As my family has grown over the past few years and is now entering the school system and city sponsored activities, I feel it is my responsibility to become more involved in the larger community of Milpitas as a whole. Last year I started on the School District Advisory Board as a parent representative, I would like to pursue a productive way to contribute to the City as a whole. I have always had an interest in the City's growth and politics, watching on channel 15 and reading the Milpitas Post mostly, this has led me to the Planning Commission. Serving as an alternate would allow me the opportunity to learn in more depth and detail the direction and plan the City's continued growth is taking while initiating me into the process of City Government. It would be my goal to eventually apply for a regular Commission spot should one become available. I look at this as a learning experience where both the City and I can get to know each other in a productive manner.

2. Describe your understanding of what the duties and responsibilities of an alternate Planning Commissioner are.

I assume that the duties are the same as that of a Commissioner where I would be expected to attend Planning Commission meetings, become familiar with State and Local guidelines for permits and development and be familiar with City plans and projects. My input would not be required unless one of the regular Commissioners was temporarily unable to fulfill their duties. I would approach the latter by trying to stay as familiar as possible with the individual Commissioners thoughts and positions towards projects so that if one were unavailable continuity and intent would be preserved.

3. In what way will your personal and work experience contribute to your role as an alternate Planning Commissioner?

I have many years of experience managing small to multi-million dollar projects. I have experience creating, evaluating and negotiating proposals both with vendors and as a vendor. Since 1993 I have been serving the needs and heeding the desires of my immediate housing subdivision, I expect to continue doing the same on a citywide basis. I have a strong understanding of people and am an effective manager of people. I believe in ethics and common sense.

4. How do you feel expanding the Planning Commission with an alternate will benefit the citizens of Milpitas?

An alternate commission member would allow for seamless continuation of projects and city business by someone up to speed and readily available should a regular Commissioner be unable to fulfill their duties. This would benefit the citizens of Milpitas by avoiding potential delays and/or confusion on projects. Having myself as an alternate would also bring a more closely integrated point of contact to the southern part of the city which seems to be most directly impacted by much of the current growth plans of the City. There are many new developments planned near the Great Mall and Downtown areas for which I could serve as liaison for long term vision and plans.

5. How do you feel about the MidTown Specific Plan and what is your long-term vision for a downtown area?

I must admit that, at this time, I am not familiar enough with the Midtown Specific Plan to speak to details. As I understand it to be a mixed use residential and retail development similar to other developments in adjacent cities, I think it is a great concept. I believe such developments to be a great use of space and resources. I have spoken to a couple individual developers about their specific projects and currently have no major reservations or concerns that do not seem to be being addressed by the current Commission. In general I do have concerns about density, traffic, and the impact of the population increase on the local schools. These all need to be balanced with the needs of the city to find a path to growth.

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